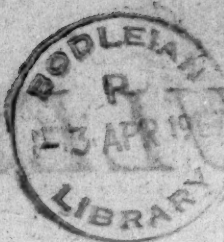


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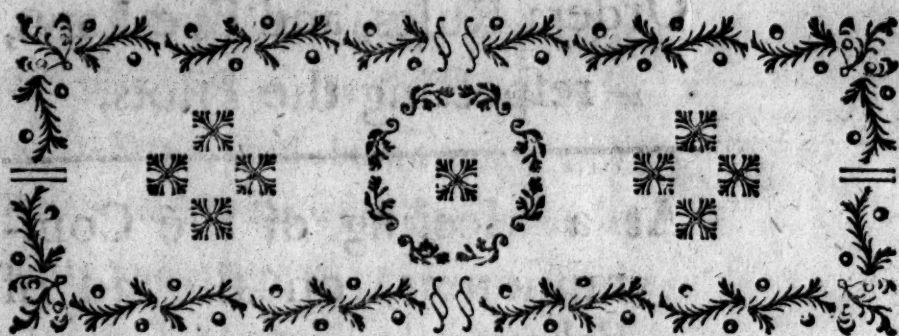
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Borough and Port of *King's-Lynn*, in
the County of Norfolk.

The Orders, Rules, and Bye-Laws,
made and established under an Act of Parliament
made in the 13th Year of the Reign of his Majesty
King GEORGE the III. A. D. 1773, entitled,
“ *An Act for the better Regulation and Government*
“ *of the Pilots conducting Ships and Vessels to and*
“ *out of the Port of King's-Lynn, and of the Bridge-*
“ *men conducting Gangs of Lighters or Barges to*
“ *and from the same; and for laying down Moorings*
“ *in the Harbour of the said Port; and for prevent-*
“ *ing Mischiefs by Fire therein.*”

Orders, Rules, and Bye-Laws, respecting the Pilots.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners, on the 3d of February, 1775.

Headfman of
the Pilots ap-
pointed with
Power to di-
rect the Pilots

THAT one of the Persons who shall from time to time be a licensed Pilot, shall be the Headfman and Master of all the other Pilots; and that such Headfman shall not be obliged to pilot any Ship himself, but when he shall judge it necessary: And that *James Middleton*, the Younger, who is now one of the said licensed Pilots, shall from henceforth, so long as he shall behave himself well in that Office, be the Headfman and Master of all the said other Pilots, and they shall be under his Direction and Management.

THAT

THAT the Headsman shall attend Headsman to attend at Pilot Office and receive the Pilotage, &c. when necessary at the Office on SAINT ANN'S-FORT, and there receive all the Pilotage and Tides-work Earnings of the Pilots, and keep an Account thereof, and of the Turns in Pilotage, to be taken by the said Pilots.

THAT the Headsman shall make out Headsman to settle his Accounts every Month. and settle his Accounts on the first Monday in every Month, and then pay and distribute the Money.

THAT every Pilot shall keep a Book Every Pilot to keep a Book at the Office. at the said Office, in which he shall immediately after his coming on Shore from the Ship he shall have piloted up, (which is to be as soon as the Ship is in her Birth) enter the Day and the Name of such Ship, and of her Commander, and also her Draft of Water, and shall also acquaint the Headsman of the Draft of Water of such Ship.

THAT

The Pilots to take their turns in piloting, under Penalties. THAT the several Pilots shall take their Turns in piloting Ships either up or down the Channel, as the Headsman shall direct, under the penalty of Twenty Shillings for the first Refusal or Neglect, and Forty Shillings for the second.

The Pilots to go down in the Sloops as the Headsman shall direct, under Penalties. THAT the Pilots shall go down in one of the two Sloops, to be provided for them, in such Numbers, by such Turns, to such Distance, and at such Times, as the Headsman shall, from time to time, direct, under the like Penalties as above, for the first and second Refusal or Neglect.

The Distance to which Ships are to be piloted. THAT every Ship shall be piloted so far down as Ferriour-Buoy, if the Master or Commander shall require it, or such Ship shall not come to an Anchor before she gets there, the same Tide she leaves her Mooring.

THAT

THAT if at any Time one Pilot only shall be left on Board the Sloop, and the Master of a Ship shall, at that Time, require the Assistance of such Pilot, then the Master of such Ship shall put a Mariner on Board the Sloop, to take care of her, before the said Pilot shall be obliged to go on Board the said Ship.

Pilot not to board a Ship unless the Ship-Master put a Mariner on board the Pilot-Sloop.

THAT all Masters of Ships wanting Pilots, shall apply to the Headsman at the Office for a Pilot, and there pay what shall be due for their Pilotage both upwards and downwards, and for Tides Work.

Ship-Masters to apply at the Office for a Pilot and pay Pilotage.

THAT the Pilot Sloops, when down, shall always hoist a Fane at the Mast Head, at least Two Feet Broad.

Pilot Sloops to hoist a Fane.

THAT the several Pilots, when they are not employed in Piloting, shall attend every Day at the Pilot's Room on

Pilots to attend at the Office to receive Headsman's Orders

SAINT

SAINT ANN'S FORT, from the beginning of Flood until High Water, and at such other Times of the Day as are necessary, there to receive the Orders and Directions of their Headsman.

Headsman not to appoint a Pilot to a Ship before Clearance.

THAT every Master of a Ship wanting a Pilot, shall produce to the Headsman of the Pilots, the Meter's or other Officer's Certificate of Clearance or Discharge of the Ship for which he applies for a Pilot, and unless such Certificate is produced to the Headsman, or he otherwise knows the Ship is delivered of her Cargo, he is not to appoint a Pilot to such Ship.

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners on the 26th of October, 1775.

ORDERED that the Pilots do keep a regular Watch on board the Sloops when down the Channel, and that a Light be constantly kept in a proper Part of each Sloop, to be seen by the Ships coming into the Channel, in the Night Time.

Pilots to keep a regular Watch on board the Pilot Sloops.

At the same Meeting.

IT appearing to the Commissioners present, that *James Middleton*, the Headsman of the Pilots, does not make Complaint to a Magistrate of the several Breaches of the Bye-Laws by the Pilots, immediately after their Breach thereof; IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, That the said *James Middleton*, do for

Headsman to make Complaint against the Pilots when they break the Bye Laws.

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the future, (when any of the Pilots make Breach or Neglect of any of the Bye-Laws) apply to a Magistrate immediately after the Offence committed, in order to convict such Pilots, that the Penalty may be levied on them.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners on the 17th of January, 1783.

What Pilotage to be paid when a Ship goes to the West-Side or Crutch only, or below the West-Point.

ORDERED That the Master of every Ship, that shall go or proceed down to the West-Side or Crutch, and afterwards come up to the Town without proceeding on her Voyage, shall pay for the Piloting of such Ship up to the Town again 2s. 6d. And that the Master of every Ship that shall go or proceed below the West-Point for Ballast, and come up to the Town again, shall pay the same Pilotage per Foot,

as if she proceeded on her Voyage.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners on the 4th of November, 1785.

ORDERED That the Headsman shall on the first Notice of any Ship or Ships being on Shore and in Distress within this Port, (in Preference to all other Things) send all the Assistance in his Power to such Ship or Ships; And that all Pilots, having Knowledge of such Matters, whilst in the Channel, shall do their utmost Endeavours to relieve such Ship or Ships, without first coming to Town for the Headsman's Order for that Purpose; And that all Pilots whenever they come up to Town, from out of the Channel, or from piloting any Ships to Town, shall first repair

Ships in Distress to be relieved by the Pilots.

to the Headsman's Office without delay, and receive such Orders as he may have Cause to give them, in their respective Departments.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners on the 3d of November, 1786.

Headsman to
appoint Masters
to the
Pilot Sloops.

IT having been found that many and great Inconveniencies have arisen for want of regular Masters or deputed Masters being on Board the several Pilot Sloops, to take the Command and give Orders for conducting Ships and Vessels to this Port, when such Sloops are down the Channel; IT IS ORDERED, That the Headsman shall have full Power, and he is hereby empowered, to appoint such Master and Masters, from time to time, as he shall see cause or think fit, and that such
Masters

Masters or deputed Masters shall be on Board and take Charge of the said Sloops respectively, at all Times when they shall go down the Channel; And the said Headsman is hereby enjoined and ordered not to permit or suffer either of the said Pilot Sloops to go down the Channel, without such Masters or deputed Masters being on Board, to take the Command thereof respectively, on any Pretence whatsoever; And the Clerk is hereby required to cause a sufficient Number of Copies of this Order to be printed, that the same may be affixed in the Pilot-Office, and other public Places, and delivered to the several Commissioners and Pilots, that the same may be henceforth duly observed and enforced,

At

At a Meeting of the Commissioners on the 11th of December, 1789.

Pilots not to be excused by Illness without Certificate.

ORDERED That the Headsman shall not excuse any Pilot from the Exercise of his Duty, on account of or under pretence of Illness, unless such Illness shall be certified by Writing under the Hand of some known Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary; And that a Copy of this Order be affixed up in the Pilot-Office.

At the same Meeting.

Pilots to take the charge of Ships according to their Turns.

ORDERED that the Headsman do give strict Charge to the several Pilots to take the Charge of the Ships coming into the Channel according to their respective Turns, (*viz*) The uppermost Ship first, and so on as they may happen

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lie; But if any Vessel shall come into the Roads by one Tide, and not be able to get up by that Tide, such Vessel is to be considered as having the Turn before any other Vessel, that may come in by any following Tide; And all the Pilots are strictly enjoined to observe this Order, under the Penalties that may be inflicted for Disobedience.

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Orders, Rules, and Bye-Laws,
respecting the Bridgemen.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners on the 30th of July, 1773.

1st. THAT all the Bridgemen shall be under the Direction and Management of ISAAC FOSTER, who is appointed an Officer for that Purpose, as the Act directs.

Bridgemen to be under the Direction of Headsman.

Note.—William Foster was, on the 24th of June, 1775, appointed Headsman of the Bridgemen, in the room of Isaac Foster, his Father, then deceased.

2d. THAT the several Bridgemen shall take their Turns in conducting Gangs of Lighters and Barges up or down

The Bridgemen to take their Turns as the Headsman shall order.

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down the River, as the said ISAAC FOSTER shall, from time to time, order and direct, under the Penalty of *Ten Shillings* for every Refusal or Neglect.

Bridgemen not to leave Gangs until discharged.

3d. THAT no Bridgeman shall leave the Gang, to which he is appointed, until he shall be discharged by the Master or Commander thereof, at Magdalen Bridge, or Stow Bridge.

Bridgemen receiving the Additional 1s. for conducting a Gang from Magdalen Bridge to Stow Bridge, to pay the 1s. to the Headman under a Penalty of 5s

4th. THAT every Bridgeman who shall receive of a Master of a Gang the Additional Shilling, for conducting a Gang to Stow Bridge, when the Master has before paid only to Magdalen Bridge, shall immediately, on his return to Lynn, pay the Shilling so received, to the said ISAAC FOSTER, under Penalty of paying Five Shillings for every Neglect or Refusal.

THAT

5th. THAT all Masters or Commanders of Gangs of Lighters or Barges, going out or coming down loaded, shall apply to the said ISAAC FOSTER, at his Office on the Boal, for a Bridgeman, and there pay what shall be due for their Pilotage, under the Penalty of Twenty Shillings, for every Neglect or Refusal to pay.

Masters of Gangs to apply at the Office on the Boal for a Bridgeman and pay Pilotage, under a Penalty.

6th. THAT the said ISAAC FOSTER shall attend at his Office on the Boal when necessary, and there receive all the Earnings of the Bridgemen, and keep an Account thereof, and of the Turns to be taken by the Bridgemen in Pilotage.

Headsmen to attend the Office, receive Earnings, &c.

7th. THAT the said ISAAC FOSTER, shall on the first Monday in every Month, make out and settle the Accounts of the Earnings of the Bridge-

Headsmen to settle his Accounts and divide the Earnings Monthly.

men, and after deducing Fourteen Shillings for his Month's Salary, as settled by the Commissioners, to divide and pay the Remainder thereof in equal Shares, to and amongst the several Bridgemen,

At a Meeting of the Commissioners on the 29th of October, 1773.

Pilotage to be paid for a Gang from Lynn to Magdalen Bridge without a Bridgeman.

IT appearing to the Commissioners present, that several Gangs of Lighters do bring down small Quantities of Corn and other Merchandizes, and the Masters of those Gangs refuse to take Bridgemen to conduct them down, pretending that they are not fully loaded; The Commissioners present, do therefore order, ascertain, and appoint, that there shall be paid to the Bridgemen, the Sum of Nine Shilling, for conducting

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ing from Lynn to Magdalen Bridge
such Gangs of Lighters, as shall have
brought down any Quantity of Corn or
other Merchandize exceeding Fifteen
Tons Weight, without a Bridgeman.

Rates of Pilotage to Bridgemen.

At a Meeting of the Com-
missioners on the 4th of
February, 1774.

THE following Rates or Prices for
piloting or conducting of Gangs of
Lighters to and from the said Port, were
ascertained and appointed to be from
henceforth paid, instead of the Rates or
Prices heretofore ascertained and ap-
pointed, (*viz*)

FOR conducting a Gang of Lighters	}	L. S. D.
not exceeding six Boats, (exclusive of		
the Horse Boat) from Lynn to Mag-	}	0:4:6.
dalen Bridge, the Sum of - - - - -		

FOR

	L.	S.	D.
FOR conducting a like Gang of			
Lighters from Lynn to Stow Bridge,			
the Sum of - - - - -	0	5	6.

FOR conducting a like Gang of			
Lighters loaded from Stow Bridge to			
Lynn, the Sum of - - - - -	0	6	0.

FOR conducting a Gang of Ligh-			
ters consisting of 7 or 8 Boats, (ex-			
clusive of the Horse Boat) from Lynn			
to Magdalen Bridge, the Sum of - -	0	5	0.

And consisting of 9 or 10			
Boats, (exclusive of the Horse			
Boat) the Sum of - - - - -	0	5	6.

And consisting of 11 Boats			
or upwards, (exclusive of the			
Horse Boat) the Sum of - - -	0	6	0.

FOR

FOR conducting a Gang of Lighters consisting of 7 or 8 Boats, (exclusive of the Horse Boat) from Lynn to Stow Bridge, the Sum of - - - -

	L.	S.	D.
	0	6	0.

And consisting of 9 or 10 Boats, (exclusive of the Horse Boat) the Sum of - - - -

	L.	S.	D.
	0	7	0.

And consisting of 11 Boats or upwards, (exclusive of the Horse Boat) the Sum of - -

	L.	S.	D.
	0	8	0.

FOR conducting a Gang of Lighters loaded, consisting of 7 or 8 Boats, (exclusive of the Horse Boat) from Stow Bridge to Lynn, the Sum of - -

	L.	S.	D.
	0	6	6.

And consisting of 9 or 10 Boats, (exclusive of the Horse Boat) the Sum of - - - -

	L.	S.	D.
	0	7	0.

And consisting of 11 Boats or upwards (exclusive of the Horse Boat) the Sum of - -

	L.	S.	D.
	0	7	6.



